

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 4, 5, 11 to 13 and 15 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling access to a networked peripheral device by a user, wherein the networked peripheral device is accessible by the user based on centralized access management information, the method comprising:

receiving access management information for the user at the networked peripheral device from a centralized location;

determining, at the networked peripheral device, a feature and/or service provided by function of the networked peripheral device which the user can use and a usage quota which restricts the user's use of the feature and/or service, corresponding to the function that are available to the user based on the received access management information; and

allowing the user access to the networked peripheral device based on the determined feature and/or service function and the determined usage quota corresponding to the feature and/or service function.

2. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the networked peripheral device is a multifunction peripheral device.

3. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the

access management information is supplied by an authentication server once the authentication server authenticates the user based on authentication information received from the networked peripheral device.

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein a user interface is devised by the networked peripheral device that is specific to the determined feature and/or service ~~function~~ and corresponding usage quota.

5. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein buttons on a keypad on the device are enabled and/or disabled according to the determined feature and/or service ~~function~~ and corresponding usage quota.

6. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the user is a walk-up user, and wherein the access management information is supplied by an authentication server that authenticates both the walk-up user and a remote user.

7. (Original) A method according to claim 3, wherein the authentication information is a username and/or password.

8. (Original) A method according to claim 3, wherein the authentication information is entered by inserting a smart card at the networked peripheral device.

9. (Original) A method according to claim 6, wherein the access management information is encrypted.

10. (Original) A method according to claim 3, wherein the authentication information received from the networked peripheral device is encrypted.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable memory medium in which computer-executable process steps are stored, the process steps for controlling access to a networked peripheral device by a user, wherein the networked peripheral device is accessible by the user based on centralized access management information, wherein the process steps comprise:

a receiving step to receive access management information for the user at the networked peripheral device from a centralized location;

a determining step to determine, at the networked peripheral device, a feature and/or service provided by function of the networked peripheral device which the user can use and a usage quota which restricts the user's use of the feature and/or service, ~~corresponding to the function that are available to the walk-up user~~ based on the received access management information; and

an allowing step to allow the user access to the networked peripheral device based on the determined feature and/or service function and the determined usage quota corresponding to the feature and/or service function.

12. (Currently Amended) A computer-executable program code stored

on a computer readable medium, said computer-executable program code for controlling access to a networked peripheral device by a user, wherein the networked peripheral device is accessible by the user based on centralized access management information, said computer-executable program code comprising:

code to receive access management information for the user at the networked peripheral device from a centralized location;

code to determine, at the networked peripheral device, a feature and/or service provided by function of the networked peripheral device which the user can use and a usage quota which restricts the user's use of the feature and/or service, corresponding to the function that are available to the user based on the received access management information; and

code to allow the user access to the networked peripheral device based on the determined feature and/or service function and the determined usage quota corresponding to the feature and/or service function.

13. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for controlling access to a networked peripheral device by a user, wherein the networked peripheral device is accessible by the user based on centralized access management information, said apparatus comprising ~~means for performing the functions specified in any of Claims 1 to 10;~~

a receiver adapted to receive access management information for the user from a centralized location; and

a controller adapted to determine, based on the received access management information, a feature and/or service provided by the networked peripheral device which

the user can use and a usage quota which restricts the user's use of the feature and/or service, and adapted to allow the user access to the network peripheral device based on the determined feature and/or service and the determined usage quota corresponding to the feature and/or service.

14. (Previously Presented) Computer-executable process steps stored on a computer readable medium, said computer-executable process steps for controlling access to a networked peripheral device by a user, wherein the networked peripheral device is accessible by the user based on centralized access management information, said computer-executable process steps comprising process steps executable to perform a method according to any of Claims 1 to 10.

15. (Currently Amended) A server for use in controlling access to a networked peripheral device by a user, wherein the networked peripheral device is accessible by the user based on centralized access management information, the server comprising a processor executing processing steps of:

receiving a request for access management information, the request including authentication information;

authenticating the user using the authentication information; and

transmitting access management information for the user indicating a feature and/or service provided by function of the networked peripheral device which the user can use and a usage quota which restricts the user's use of the feature and/or service corresponding to the function that are available to the user, in a case that authentication of

the user is successful.

16. (Previously Presented) A server according to claim 15, wherein said server retrieves authentication information for the user from a directory service.